

Sightings

There were more than 20 reported sightings of a UFO over Leeds and Bradford on the night of July 23. Witnesses, including former T & A journalist Peter Brearey, spotted two bright lights hovering in the sky.

One witness was Bradford housewife June Clayton, who lives in Defarge Court, West Bowling.

She told the UFO researchers: "I went out into the garden to take the washing in and asked my sons to help. Then the bright object caught my sister's eye on the horizon.

It was a brilliant white oval shape with a reddish greenish mist or haze underneath the object. I then called my sister's boyfriend and neighbour to look.

"We all saw the object, then after two to three minutes it just quickly faded out. There were no clouds. I was quite shocked."

At Lightcliffe, near Halifax, witness Trevor Peel, said: "I think what I saw was a UFO. I saw the object appear in the West and disappear in the East."

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He added: "I have seen similar objects in the area for a year or two now and I would like to know what is going on."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "Ministers have repeatedly said there is no Ministry of Defence involvement in the miners' strike."

He added there were numerous Parliamentary questions and answers to that effect.

A police spokesman said only one UFO sighting in the Leeds area had been reported for the night in question.

"We would not use helicopters. That is a fact," he added.

Leeds-Bradford Airport had no comment to make on the alleged operation.